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SUBJ: DAIRY RESTRICTIONS IN AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER  
PROTECTION ACT OF 1973

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3318

1. ON JUNE 22 EC DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL THEODORUS HIJZEN  
MADE A FORMAL DEMARCHE TO MISSION OFFICERS ON BEHALF OF THE  
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COMMISSION AND THE EC MEMBER STATES IN REGARD TO THE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF DAIRY PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE SENATE VERSION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 1973.

2. HIJZEN STRESSED TWO PRINCIPAL POINTS:

( A) THE PRECEDENT THAT THIS COULD ESTABLISH AS A TRADE POLICY MEASURE, AND ( B) THE EFFECT ON COMMUNITY DAIRY EXPORTS. IN REGARD TO POINT ( A) HIJZEN STATED THAT THE IMPORT RESTRICTION LIMITED TO TWO PERCENT OF US DAIRY CONSUMPTION WAS VERY SIMILIAR TO PROVISIONS OF THE BURKE-HARTKE ACT. IF US LEGISLATION ESTABLISHED THIS PRECEDENT HE FEARED THAT SIMILIAR MEASURES MIGHT BE PASSED FOR OTHER PRODUCTS. IN REGARD TO THE SECOND POINT HE STATED THAT THE US WAS A GROWING MARKET FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS, AND THAT IN CERTAIN PAST YEARS TOTAL IMPORTS HAD EXCEEDED TWO PERCENT OF CONSUMPTION. THE COMMUNITY HAS A STRONG ECONOMIC INTEREST IN ITS DAIRY EXPORTS AND DOES NOT WISH THEM FURTHER LIMITED BY SUCH MEASURES.

3. HIJZEN NOTED THAT A RECENT TARIFF COMMISSION STUDY HAD SUGGESTED MORE LIBERAL IMPORT TREATMENT IN THE DAIRY SECTOR. HE SAID THAT SEVERAL OF THE MEMBER STATES HAD EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN, WHICH THE COMMISSION ALSO SHARED, ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THE SENATE VERSION OF THE BILL. HIJZEN ALSO REFERRED TO A LICENSING SYSTEM INCLUDED IN THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE BILL. HIJZEN STATED THAT HE EXPECTED THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD OPPOSE SUCH MEASURES BUT HE HOPED TO EMPHASIZE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THE DEPTH OF THE COMMUNITY' S CONCERN. MISSION OFFICERS STATED THAT THEY WOULD REPORT THIS DEMARCHE TO WASHINGTON AND THAT THEY HOPED THEY COULD FURNISH TO THE COMMISSION SHORTLY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE LEGISLATION ( REFTEL).  
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